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PREPARATION AND USE FOR VECTORING ACTIVE  
SUBSTANCES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 3, 5-8, 10, and 12-17 as follows:

3. (Amended) Linear peptide according to any one of claims 1 [to 2], characterised in that it meets one of the following formulas

BXXBXXXXBBBXXXXXXB (I)

BBXXBXXBXXBXXBXXB (II)

in which

- the B groups, identical or different, represent an amino acid residue whose side chain carries a base group, and
- groups X, identical or different, represent an aliphatic or aromatic amino acid residue, or in that it is made up of a succession of at least 5, preferably at least 7, successive amino acids of either of formulas (I) or (II).

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